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May or May not

► Federal election call looms, setting up mid-spring vote ► NDP Leader Jack Layton might still support budget if there are changes he can accept, but not holding out hope

The Harper government is set to fall Friday on a non-confidence motion, plunging the country into a fifth election campaign in just over 10 years and setting the stage for a vote in early May.

The Conservatives knew their days were numbered after the opposition panned this week's federal budget. But they would have preferred to be brought down on the budget vote, helping them to campaign on their financial plan.

Instead, the Liberals have managed to delay the vote, making their non-confidence motion the election trigger.

And the theme of that motion — respect for democracy and Parliament — is something the Tories don't want in the spotlight.

The motion chides the government for showing contempt for Parliament by failing to fully disclose the multibillion-dollar costs of its tough-on-crime agenda, corporate tax cuts and plans to purchase stealth fighter jets.

While an election appears unavoidable, both the Conservatives and NDP claimed yesterday that there was still a chance to steer clear.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said the Liberals, NDP and Bloc Quebecois could yet change their minds on the budget.

"The opposition still have the opportunity to put Canadians' interests first," he said. "It is not too late for them to step back ... Our economy is not a political game." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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► Stephen Harper

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► Jason Eisener, director of *Hobo With A Shotgun*, poses for a photo with characters from his movie just before the Canadian premiere of the feature film at the Oxford Theatre, yesterday. The Halifax-made film is opening across the country on Friday. Story, page 5.

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Candidates in the blocks

► NDP, Liberals currently split four federal ridings in urban HRM
► Tories haven't announced all candidates ► Community leader George Nikolaou expected to be nominated tonight in Halifax



► Peter Stoffer speaks with reporters in this file photo from last year.

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Even before the starting pistol has sounded, candidates in HRM's four main federal ridings are off and running.

Mike Savage, Liberal MP for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour, said he's already been knocking on doors. Savage is a strong victor in this riding and has held the seat since 2004, winning the 2008 election with almost 40 per cent of the vote.

But this year, the former leader of the provincial NDP Robert Chisholm is running in that riding.

When Chisholm won the nomination in January, NDP Leader Jack Layton said it's a "riding we can win."

Savage doesn't think so.

"We've managed to win in Dartmouth-Cole Harbour when the NDP have been very strong provincially. Now that the NDP are much weaker provincially and federally, we obviously have a bit of wind in our sails," he said.

Peter Stoffer, NDP MP for Sackville-Eastern Shore, said he's ready for his sixth campaign.

He said he expects "high-road" campaigns in Nova Scotia because the candidates respect each other.

"Negative ads, negative campaigning and bad-mouthing your opponent never work."

Stoffer faced enormous criticism last fall when he changed his mind on the long-gun registry.

"Sure, there is no question there are people out

In the running

Candidates officially named in the federal ridings of urban HRM:



► Mike Savage

► **Halifax**
— Megan Leslie, NDP*
— Michael Dewar, GREEN
— Stan Kutcher, LIB

► **Halifax West**
— Geoff Regan, LIB*
— Thomas Trappenberg, GREEN
— Gregor Ash, NDP

► **Dartmouth-Cole Harbour**
— Mike Savage, LIB*
— Paul Shreenan, GREEN
— Robert Chisholm, NDP
— Wanda Webber, PC

► **Sackville-Eastern Shore**
— Peter Stoffer, NDP*
— John Percy, GREEN
— Carolyn Scott, LIB

there who will focus on this one specific issue and they have the right to do so," he

said. "If that's the issue that determines their vote then I'll live with that decision."

Meeting on parking ban pushed back



► A woman parks her car on the street in Halifax.

The overnight winter parking ban has been put on the back burner for now by HRM's transportation committee.

The committee made up of eight regional councillors was originally scheduled today to discuss the idea of changing rules of the ban, but Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane said yesterday the issue has been rescheduled to hopefully the next meeting in April so funding options for the new Dartmouth bus terminal can be discussed this afternoon.

Sloane, who is not on the committee, is a vocal critic of the ban and wants it changed so there will only be a winter parking ban if there is snow.

An alternate side of the street parking policy for older, narrow streets in the municipality, has also been brought forward, as well as amending the ban to account for the differences between urban, suburban and rural areas of the municipality.

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Parking reprieve

► The ban was lifted early again this year, March 4, because of warm weather.

Cause still unknown in barn fire

The cause of a fire that destroyed a Cole Harbour landmark early Tuesday still isn't known.

Fire spokesman Mike LeRue said yesterday investigators were still working on what happened, but were hoping to release the exact cause today.

Firefighters were called to 255 Bisset Rd. just after 1 a.m. to find the large red barn at the location smothered in flames.

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FEDERAL ELECTION FALLOUT

Atlantic funding at risk: MacKay

Defence Minister Peter MacKay is warning that a federal election would put decisions on funding for Atlantic Canadian projects on pause.

Among the projects that would be stalled is a \$159-million convention centre in downtown Halifax, he said, adding Nova Scotia had made "a very strong case" for assistance for the project.

"Once the budget is defeated or once we go into an election, if we're plunged into an election by the opposition, it has the effect of hitting pause on many of these initiatives," he told the Halifax Chamber of

Up in the air

► **MacKay** said there would have been a decision "in the not too distant future" on the funding.

Commerce yesterday.

The province and HRM have agreed to contribute \$56 million each while Ottawa has been asked to contribute \$47 million from the Building Canada Fund.

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► Peter MacKay speaking in Halifax yesterday.

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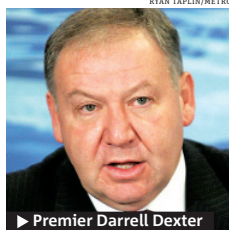
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Dexter defends paving plan

The Nova Scotia government's plan to get into the road-paving business is in the best interests of the province, Premier Darrell Dexter told a business group yesterday.

Dexter used a speech to the Nova Scotia Chambers of Commerce to defend the decision to spend \$6 million to buy and run a mobile asphalt plant and another \$2.6 million to set up a 26-member road crew.

Private road builders have been outspoken in their opposition to the plan, as have a number of business groups, including chamber president Wane



► Premier Darrell Dexter

Fiander, who has said he doesn't believe the government can deliver services more efficiently than the private sector.

"It is a decision I stand by," Dexter told the audience.

He said it wouldn't mean

less work for road builders.

"If road builders bid for tenders in a fair way, their proposals will be accepted and they will have the opportunity to do even more road work in Nova Scotia than in previous years," he said.

In announcing the step earlier this month, the government said it was looking to address unfair pricing and a lack of competition for project tenders in some rural areas of the province.

The province has said about 95 per cent of all paving work will remain in the hands of private road builders. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Bacteria a factor in 4 deaths: Doctor

An infectious disease specialist says four elderly patients have died at three hospitals in Cape Breton that are dealing with a bacterial infection.

Dr. Shoaib Ansari of the Cape Breton District Health Authority says the four people who died were infected with *C. difficile*, which was

Spread

► The bacteria, which health officials say poses no threat to the general public, is usually spread in hospitals through contact with bodily fluids.

a factor in their deaths.

He says all four people who died had other medical problems.

He says 21 other people have also been infected over the past six weeks.

Ansari says the strain is the same one that killed about 1,500 people in Quebec between 2003 and 2006. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► Speaker Gordie Gosse is seen in this file photo from January.

Volunteers aplenty for MLA pension review

► Citizen's panel will have 6 months to look at pension system ► Speaker studied recent N.B. pension review



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Twenty-two people have already thrown their hats in the ring to serve on a review of MLA pensions.

Speaker Gordie Gosse met with representatives from the three provincial parties yesterday to discuss the pension review, announced in January.

After the meeting, Gosse revealed he has contacted the province's chief justice to provide a list of three retired judges to lead the review.

Once one steps forward, he or she will be free to independently choose the

Timeline

► The panel will have six months from the day it is officially formed to study the pension system — putting the deadline for a final report in mid- to late fall. A similar timeframe was used for the New Brunswick MLA pension review.

two other people that will sit on the panel.

"People have been sending me resumés to the Speaker's office, to my office in Cape Breton, they've been sending me emails," Gosse said yesterday.

"But if (the judge) chooses

other people, independent people in Nova Scotia, (they) will pick the other two members of the citizen's panel."

Gosse said that will ensure the independence of the panel. "The panel will determine the terms of reference ... It will be strictly the panel itself."

Both the Liberals and the Progressive Conservatives were pleased to hear the review's parameters will be set by the panel, not the politicians. There were some concerns early on in the process that MLAs would have a hand in deciding the panellists — although that was never suggested by the Speaker.

FATHER

Sharon, daughter of a 3-time cancer survivor.

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Hearings cut to streamline court system

The Justice Department is doing away with arraignment hearings for most motor vehicle summary offences in an effort to reduce court backlogs and make the system more efficient.

Currently, Nova Scotians issued summary offence tickets must ap-

pear in arraignment court to plead not guilty and receive their trial date.

Once the amendments come into effect April 1, alleged offenders can receive their trial date from the front counter of any court administration office.

Any youths charged with offences other than motor vehicle matters will still be required to attend an arraignment hearing, so judges can review their cases closely.

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Rezoning application rejected

A controversial farmland rezoning application in the Annapolis Valley has been turned down by the province.

Municipal Relations Minister John MacDonell says the application to make 153 hectares of farmland in Greenwich available for residential and commercial development was rejected because Kings County council failed to demonstrate a "pressing need" for additional land. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hobo With A Shotgun gets Halifax debut

► Hundreds line up at Oxford Theatre for locally made film's Canadian premiere last night ► Film's director looking at 'Canadian martial arts' movie up next



► Halifax actress Molly Dunsworth poses for a photo with characters from the movie *Hobo With A Shotgun*. Dunsworth plays the role of Abby in the film which made its Canadian premiere last night at the Oxford Theatre.



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Nearly a year after shooting wrapped up in Halifax, *Hobo With A Shotgun* came home last night. The film was the toast of the South by Southwest festival last week and the Sundance Film Festival in January. But for first-time director Jason Eisner, last night's screening at the Oxford Theatre was more anxiety-inducing than both international festivals.

"This is the most nerve-wracking screening for

me," said Eisner, who lives in Dartmouth. "It was so important that we bring this movie to Dartmouth and Halifax, and get our friends and the crew we know here involved."

"I really want them to dig what they see on the screen."

Molly Dunsworth, who plays Abby in *Hobo*, said there was no hesitation when she saw the script.

"I was like 'Really? What?'"

Dunsworth from the red carpet. "I just thought if I can be a part of this, that's crazy. I spent a couple of

Opening

► Across Canada *Hobo With A Shotgun* opens in theatres this weekend.

years just hoping and praying, and yeah, it happened."

Hobo With A Shotgun is the story of a man — the hobo — living on the street. Fed up with corrupt cops, drug dealers, and the abuse of prostitutes and the homeless, he takes justice into his own hands "the on-

ly way he knows how" — with a 20-gauge shotgun.

It began as an entry into Quentin Tarantino's fake trailer competition, where fans made short previews of (as-yet) non-existent movies for a chance to appear in his feature *Grindhouse*.

The trailer went on to gain notoriety on YouTube, and Eisner and co-writer John Davies transformed *Hobo* into a feature film.

The process has been surreal, said producer Rob Cotterill. But as surreal as the movie?

"Maybe," he said.

ASSAULT

Charges in Spryfield stabbing

Police say three people are now facing charges after the stabbing of a man in Spryfield. Halifax Regional Police were called to an address on Lavender early Tuesday morning and a 19-year-old was taken to hospital with multiple wounds. Police say Asha Ali of

Dartmouth, 36, is accused of offences including two counts of aggravated assault and assault with a weapon.

The charges against 19-year-old Dhari Salman Shalaan of Halifax include two counts of aggravated assault, assault with a weapon, administering a noxious thing and weapons charges. A 17-year-old male youth from Dartmouth faces charges including attempted murder and several relating to weapons.

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Dogs won't be euthanized

Dogs in the town of Windsor will no longer be euthanized if there's a lack of space in their animal shelters.

Nova Scotia's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals issued a release yesterday saying Windsor has become the first location in the province to collaborate with them to make sure animals, specifically dogs, aren't euthanized if there is no room for them.

"Animals could potentially face euthanasia due to space restrictions," SP-

Animal Shelter

► Transfer If the Windsor shelter reaches capacity, they can now transfer animals to one of 11 different SPCA shelters around the province.

CA's executive director Kristin Williams said yesterday in a phone interview.

"Now, animals have 100 per cent chance of being adopted."

● LAURA WARREN

Halifax officers get promotions

Three officers with Halifax Regional Police were promoted yesterday.

Sean Auld and Brenda Zima were both promoted to rank of superintendent, while Don Moser was promoted to staff sergeant.

The promotions took place during a ceremony in Halifax with friends and family.

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Number of N.S. visitors drops

The number of visitors to Nova Scotia dropped by five per cent in January compared with the same period last year. The province says 91,000 people visited in the first month of 2011, down from 96,800. Road travel dropped 10 per cent, but overseas visits were up eight per cent.

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Is Jack fighting fit?

► Layton's health sparks questions ► Is he able to handle an election?

The minute after NDP Leader Jack Layton pronounced his opposition to the budget, all attention turned to his fragile health.

With Layton his party's best asset in an election campaign, his fight against prostate cancer and his ongoing recovery from hip surgery are constantly on the minds of supporters and opponents.

Layton and his staff insist, unfailingly, that he is as energetic as ever and

perfectly prepared to launch a vigorous high-stakes election campaign.

"Better by the day," Layton grinned when asked how he's feeling.

But before he commented on the budget, his staff set up a podium for him in the foyer of the House of Commons.

They stuck close to him as he walked with a cane.

And Layton cut his comments short, accepting just a handful of questions — uncharacteristic for a leader who has never shunned the cameras.

Campaign manager Brad Lavigne says the podium was to hold up Layton's notes, not the leader himself. And the cane is a sign of progress — doctors expected him to be on crutches after his surgery this month.

"Every day that goes by, he gets more and more



► NDP Leader Jack Layton makes a point during question period yesterday in the House of Commons.

Ready to go

- The NDP's Ottawa war room is almost fully staffed, with about 125 out of 150 workers in town.
- Stump speeches have been written and the entire election campaign has been mapped out.

mobile," Lavigne said.

The NDP's candidates have a lot riding on Layton's energy levels.

They've already rebranded the party as the "Jack Layton NDP." Lawn signs have been printed, and his face and logo

appear on all of them.

Layton consistently scores higher than his party in polls, and has been able to define a high-profile image for himself despite being the fourth party in the Commons.

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Can we bank on it?

A federal election likely ensures Canadians will enjoy super-low interest rates until at least the summer and possibly the fall.

CIBC is changing its

mind and says the Bank of Canada will next raise rates in July not May. Scotiabank thinks it won't happen until October.

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Canada puts new curbs on food from Japan

Canadian officials implemented enhanced controls on Japanese food imports yesterday, as fears mounted that the country's ongoing nuclear crisis has contaminated its food supply.

Officials said Canadian consumers have no need to worry about the safety of their food.

But the Canadian Food Inspection Agency did announce that in addition to existing controls, milk products, fruits and vegetables from areas closest to the affected nuclear power

plant will not be allowed into Canada without documents verifying safety.

"The Canadian food supply is not at risk," said Alice d'Anjou, a spokesperson with the food agency.

Japanese products only make up 0.3 per cent of Canada's total food imports, and many of the top imports from the Asian nation — non-fermented green tea, sesame oil, scallops, sauces, and enzymes — will not be affected by the new rules.

D'Anjou said Health Canada and food inspection

are "actively monitoring the situation" and the measures could be adjusted as circumstances change in Japan.

The enhanced restrictions are an additional safeguard to existing import controls, officials said, which already include monitoring for radioactive isotopes in shipments.

Food imports from the Fukushima, Gunma, Ibaraki and Tochigi prefectures surrounding the failing nuclear plant are now under particular scrutiny, the agency said.

In Japan, officials revealed radiation leaking from the nuclear power plant has caused Tokyo's tap water to exceed safety standards for infants to drink, sending anxiety levels soaring.

Residents cleared store shelves of bottled water.

"I've never seen anything like this," clerk Toru Kikutaka said, surveying a downtown Tokyo supermarket where the entire stock of bottled water sold out.

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B.C. on alert

- In British Columbia, the provincial health officer again urged Canadians yesterday to be prepared rather than panicked in response to Japan's nuclear crisis.

- Dr. Perry Kendall reminded the public that radiation levels remain "minute" at monitoring stations along the West Coast.

- Kendall said although there has been a tiny and expected increase in radiation levels, there is still no

need to worry in B.C. Current levels are within the normal range and remain less than what a person would experience on a long-distance flight.

- But pharmacies and military surplus stores in B.C. say the public is still scrambling to buy medication for radiation exposure and supplies like Geiger counters and gas masks.
- Kendall warned, however, that taking the medication can be harmful in the absence of high levels of radioactivity.



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n't."

Also, expect ads about Ignatieff where a narrator describes him as an "intellectual" in the same tone of voice somebody would normally say "groin lesion."

WHY SHOULD I VOTE?

Because not voting when people in Arab countries are dying for it is like standing in front of a homeless person and dumping your pizza into the garbage can because the slices "all taste the same."

Besides, if you are going to suffer — and you are — you might as well have something to show for it. Nobody escapes Canadian election fever.



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Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADLER



The filthy reality of life

Worth mentioning

Dirt has a bad image. Muck, we think: Yuck.

But getting your hands dirty can also be irresistible, as every child knows. A major new museum exhibition in London asks visitors to think again about the filthy and the fetid, exploring the role of dirt as humanity's enemy and ally in history, art, science and medicine.

"Dirt is something we make and encounter every day," said James Peto, senior curator at the Wellcome Collection, where the exhibition opens today.

Peto said the exhibition — *Dirt: The Filthy Reality Of Everyday Life* — explores both the good and bad sides of dirt.

Dirt — enemy and ally

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"Some of it, in the right quantities and the right place, is good for us," he said. "Soil in the sense of 'soiled sheets' is bad, but soil where vegetables grow feeds us."

"And it's where we all end up in the end."

Filth's intimacy and omnipresence may explain some of the terror and fascination that dirt —

defined by the exhibition as "dust, excrement, rubbish, bacteria and soil" — holds for us.

We abhor it, but it's also a mark of progress — the more cities, industry and civilization there are, the more dirt, and finding ways to dispose of it has taxed societies for centuries.

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achievements. Also on tonight's lineup is Canadian pianist and rising star Avan Yu, performing Schumann's well-known Piano Concerto to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the composer's birth.

Tickets for tonight cost between \$29 and \$52 for adults and are available through the Dalhousie Arts Centre box office.

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► Symphony Nova Scotia conductor Bernhard Gueller.



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- ▶ Tim Hortons is one brand venturing into social media

Everyone knows that Facebook is a place where friends and family share news and photos. But more and more, it's also a place where companies share product pitches.

About 50 million connections are made every day between businesses and Facebook users. But do these interactions translate into a sales bump?

"We're testing the waters with that," says David Morelli, public-affairs direc-

"We're not talking at customers, we're talking with them on Facebook."

DAVID MORELLI, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, TIM HORTONS

tor for Tim Hortons, which has more than 1.4 million Facebook fans.

Morelli says Tim Hortons is still trying to figure out the effectiveness of their Facebook ads against other

types of marketing.

One thing is certain: Recommendations from "your friends, your family, your colleagues and people you care about, that are most like you" are a special kind of advertising that money can't buy, says Facebook Canada head Jordan Banks.

And for users who object to the corporatization of Facebook, Banks says they are free to stop "fan-ing" ads and start "x-ing" them out. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Glittering year ahead for luxury jeweller

Luxury diamond retailer Harry Winston predicts a bright future this year as stronger demand for high-end goods pushes sales and profits higher.

The Toronto-based company said it expects diamond purchases to climb as the global economy rebounds, especially in Asia, where holiday sales rose 169 per cent, excluding sales in Japan.

"The luxury goods demand, you'd think they'd be going down right now but they're not. They've been doing extremely well especially in Asia and in the States, which is surprising as well," Scotia Capital analyst David Christie said.

Frederic de Narp, head of Harry Winston's retail segment, said the company plans to focus on its watch business — which provides higher profit margins compared to other products — and will introduce both more affordable and more expensive timepieces.

The company plans to



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
open one store in Las Vegas and two new stores in Shanghai this year. It credits its rising demand in China and other parts of Asia for the 89 per cent higher

sales in its luxury brand segment, which grew to \$132.7 million in the fourth quarter. Japan made up 18 per cent of its luxury brand sales last year. Stores in the country were undamaged in the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

The company, which partially owns the Diavik mine in the Northwest Territories, said it plans to open more pits in the coming years and begin new exploration drilling that will provide a better mix of higher grade diamonds, helping bring up prices by up to 30 per cent.

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Scene in brief



Republican officials say Donald Trump will address the party's Lincoln Day dinner as part of his first foray into Iowa as a possible presidential contender.

Trump has said he will decide by June whether to seek the Republican presidential nomination.

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Ivanka Trump stalking suspect kept trying to contact her after court order, prosecutors say

Crank the amps up to eleven

► Halifax has a popular heavy metal music scene on the go — it's just not mainstream, yet ► Diminished Fifth Records helps promote local metal acts



► Josh Hogan performing with Orchid's Curse at Coconut Grove in Halifax.

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OK. Confession time. I don't understand heavy metal. I'm sorry. I should

try to hide my ignorance, however I choose to admit my flaws. My therapist says it's healthy. So here it goes.

Wanting to highlight our local metal scene, I

swallowed my pride and called in an expert.

Enter Josh Hogan.

Launching Diminished Fifth Records in 2007, a heavy metal record label, and co-owner of Red Tentacle, a music solutions company that has helped independent bands since December 2010, Hogan is well versed in everything metal.

"There is a great metal scene here that doesn't get enough attention," he says. "It's been growing underground for years."

As the lead singer of Orchid's Curse, it was his

own frustrations as a metal musician that sparked the creation of Diminished Fifth.

"There was no structured support for heavy music," he told me. "So I formed the label and to date we've released 15 albums."

In addition to lack of funding, negative stereotypes have been plaguing the heavy metal scene for decades.

According to James "Munky" Shaffer, the guitarist for Grammy award-winning alternative metal band Korn, "People are

afraid," he told me on the phone. "Metal bands are associated with something negative, that it's doing something bad to our kids."

Korn headlines the Music as a Weapon tour that comes to the Metro Centre on April 5.

"People are looking to release their aggression in a healthy manner and that's what we find at our concerts," he says. "It's better than buying a gun and shooting everyone in the local supermarket."

Personally, I breathe and count to 10.

Phantom get a ballet treatment

Atlantic Ballet Theatre of Canada presents Phantom of the Opera.

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What: Phantom of the Opera

Where: The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

When: Saturday
Ticket Info: \$40, \$28 for students. Visit operations@atlanticballet.ca

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Don't miss this rising U.K. star

Come check out the U.K. sensation that is Jakwob.

Starting in the music scene at age 10, this now 21-year-old Brit spent his teenage years perfecting his craft. He began in jazz but has since moved on to death metal and folk.

A noted producer, he's been working with names such as Matisyahu, Empire of the Sun and M.I.A.

Jakwob is bringing his own eclectic sound to the Paragon Theatre tonight. You won't want to miss out.

What: Jakwob

Where: The Paragon

When: Thursday. Doors open 9 p.m.

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Career highs**Childhood fame**

The hit films *Lassie Come Home* and *National Velvet* catapulted her to stardom.

Bold choices

Cleopatra, in 1960, earned her a \$1 million paycheck, making her the highest-paid actress at the time.

Career lows**Failed marriages**

She had eight total, to magnates (Conrad Hilton), co-stars (Eddie Fisher, Richard Burton twice) and, most recently, a much younger construction worker.

Liz Taylor dies at 79

► The legendary actress passed away due to congenital heart failure



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Famed actress and humanitarian Dame Elizabeth Taylor has passed away at the age of 79. The two-time Oscar winner died at Cedars-Sinai Hospital, where she had been receiving treatment for congestive heart failure. A small funeral for family and friends is planned for later

this week.

"She was surrounded by her children: Michael Wilding, Christopher Wilding, Liza Todd and Maria Burton," Taylor's publicist, Sally Morrison, said in a statement.

Taylor's son, Michael Wilding, spoke fondly of his mother.

"My Mother was an extraordinary woman who lived life to the fullest, with great passion."



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► Throughout her career, Taylor was equally as famous for her personal life, marrying eight times, and for her charity work battling AIDS.

Metro asked its Twitter followers: Have you ever seen a Liz Taylor movie?

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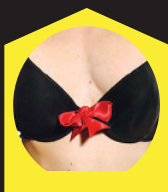
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Up and down



Clap-off underwear

Some random guy invented a clap-off bra that drops off the body at the sound of applause, presumably for those guys out there who are too lazy to figure out how to undo the clasp. Let's just hope no one wears it at a rock concert.

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Spruce up your act for spring

► Don't be the guy who rolls into the office with puddle-like underarm sweat patches and an oily face fit to grease an engine ► We tell you how to update your look for the warm weather



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KARL-EDWIN GUERRE AND TAMU MCPHERSON



► Add a pop of colour at the waistline (above) or the ankle for a bright and cool spring update.

What to wear



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1 VANS

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Punch up your outfit with a pop of colour

This season marks a move away from muted tones toward bold colour. It's an easy way to add an edge to your workwear without looking like a full-on fashion victim. "Wear a beautiful bright Yves Klein blue or pillar box red T-shirt under a navy suit or with chinos or just colour-block half the body," Davis says.

2

Master the art of summer suiting

Ditch the wool tailoring for something lightweight. "Try a linen suit in soft blue or gray and wear it with a white shirt and a club or check tie. It can look really cool and classic," Davis says. And if you're feeling adventurous, skip the tie and rock a — wait for it — neckerchief. "It's a bit Hannibal Lector-esque."

3

Nail down the perfect casual style

Every man should have a few nautical items in his closet because they look polished, can be easily mixed and matched, and are just hard to screw up. A few things to buy now: "A boxy, double-breasted jacket, chambray shirt, chinos, moccasins, breton top and a toggle coat," he says.

4

Get your short lengths right

"Shorts are a bit shorter this season; they're cut above the knee," Davis explains. For lounging on the weekend, Andrew suggests a jogger short, which has a relaxed fit. (Important: When you're wearing shorts, they should hit higher up on the leg.)

At-home bath time

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Take inspiration from Cleopatra, one of the original spa-loving divas, when prepping at-home bath time. Smooth on the mud, sugar and salt — and just relax.

Mud: The real dirt

Legend has it that Cleopatra slathered herself with

the mud of the Dead Sea as part of her beautifying ritual. The natural detoxifying properties of mud and clay — combined with the region's mineral-rich water — made it a hit with the Egyptian queen. But don't stress about the mess: The benefits far outweigh the dirty tub and towels. Look to it to help



unclog pores, slough away dead cells and firm skin, too. Pumice boosts the exfoliating and clearing powers of No7 Purifying Sauna Mask (\$15, shoppersdrug-mart.ca).

Salt of the earth



Prized for its healing, disinfecting and soothing

properties, salt remains a key ingredient in many of our favourite scrubs and soaks. Sandalwood, citrus, rosemary and tea tree scent Dermalogica Hydro-Active Mineral Salts (\$35, dermalogica.ca), a sea-salt-and-kelp body polish.

Sugar: How sweet it is

Brown or white, look to sugar as a natural exfoliant. It dissolves readily in water, so it's gentle on sensitive skin. And for those who define their bath time by luxurious fragrance, sugar-based spa lotions and potions are the ideal base for

today's gourmand notes of vanilla, chocolate and berry. Try Linden Leaves Sugar Salt Exfoliating Body Rub. Clary sage soothes while evening primrose, jojoba and sweet almond oils nourish (\$33, linden-leaves.ca).



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Twists on trenches

► This season, trenches are a bona fide fashion trend, with a few twists

It's time to dig out the trenches again.

The reliable outerwear piece long linked to strong soldiers and sexy spies is one of those classics that so many of us already own, and it's pretty safe to say that whatever coat you have, it has never fully gone out of style.

This season, though, trenches are a bona fide fashion trend, with runways and retailers offering a few twists to keep this century-old style feeling fresh.

When designer Rachel Roy previewed her spring collection for buyers, editors and models showing off a dozen different interpretations of trench coats. From a buttery leather version to a fancy metallic one, she offered a variation for various occasions and lifestyles.

"The great thing about a trench is that it is equal parts smart, easy and

pulled-together chic," Roy says.

There is some flexibility in the description of what makes a trench a trench: Roy says its defining characteristic is the shape of the shoulder; Lisa Axelson, vice-president of design at

Ann Taylor, isn't sure if it's the shape of the pockets, the storm flap or a nipped waist.

Regardless, Axelson says, you know when you see one — even if it's a dress in washed silk with a drawcord waist like the one she included in her spring lineup.

That's right, fashion insiders don't say a trench has to be a coat. There are capes, vests, dresses and even trenchlike trousers.

"People have taken a lot of creative freedom with the trench coat, adding newness," says Amanda Brooks, fashion director at Barneys New York. "There are endless ways to reinterpret it."

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► Ann Taylor's silk trench

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► Vera Wang Lavender Label belted trench

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► Thread Social cotton canvas tie waist trench

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► GAP's soft trench

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What to do with your hair: Grow it out

It's time to roughen up that pristine parting and add some texture.

"We're getting away from the classic hair cut. You know, the Mad Men look with the stylish side parting. I think now we're going to see more creativity, medium lengths and longer hair styles that are messy, distressed and disheveled hair," explains grooming expert Carmelo Guastella, the man behind the iconic Ali G goatee.

It's also going to be a good season for stubble. "I would go down to a stubble but if you do



► Model David Gandy nails the season's slightly disheveled hair.

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have a beard let it look natural and blend into your skin at the edges," advises Guastella.

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- 1 "Avoid using harsh exfoliators before shaving because it strip away layers of skin and increase sensitivity. Instead, use a shaving brush because it lifts the hair and acts as an exfoliator."
- 2 "If the hair stands at 45 degrees, you can almost shave with, across and against the grain. However, if the hair is not at this angle then just shave with the grain."
- 3 "Find a post-shave moisturizer that's suitable for your skin. If you have sensitive skin, use a soothing gel, while sufferers from dry and flaky skin should try a richer moisturizer."

Simple bathroom makeovers

► Giving your bathroom a fresh new look is not as hard as you may think ► And it doesn't have to cost much

DIY IDEAS

Believe it or not, home makeovers don't always have to require many tools and lots of man power.

In fact, to give your bathroom a fresh new look, you don't even need a big budget, just some inspiration and creativity.

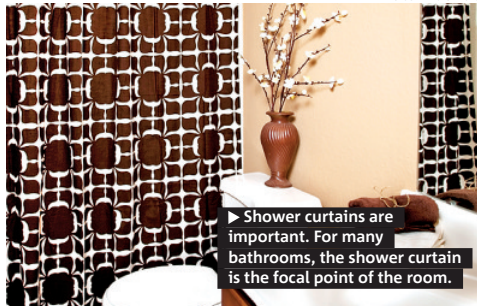
DIY Network Canada's Bath Crashers (airing Tuesdays at 10 p.m. ET/PT) offers tips on simple bathroom makeovers.

Clean and Purge

The first step in giving your bathroom a fresh look is to take inventory of all your belongings and eliminate the excess. Removing clutter creates more space for reorganizing and decorating.

Make Room

If the sink is freestanding, create additional storage by fashioning a sink skirt. Measure the dimensions along the three sides of the



► Shower curtains are important. For many bathrooms, the shower curtain is the focal point of the room.

sink that face outwards and the distance between the bottom of the sink and the floor. Cut the measured dimensions out of a washable fabric.

Attach an adhesive Velcro to the inside of the sink and the top of the fabric.

Attach the fabric's Velcro to the sink's Velcro. The fabric adds to the decor of the room and creates a space to keep items tucked away and out of sight.

Personalized Shower Curtain
For many bathrooms, the shower curtain is the focal

point of the room and replacing the shower curtain can immediately change the entire design.

Consider making one yourself to suit your personal style.

Measure the length and width of the current shower curtain and cut the dimensions out of the desired fabric.

Hold the fabric up to the current shower liner and use a fabric pen to mark where the shower ring holes are located.

Using fabric scissors, cut

a slit in the fabric about an inch long.

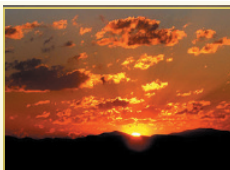
Attach the new shower curtain and shower liner to the shower rings and enjoy the new, customized decor.

The Little Things

For a quick bathroom spruce up, consider small projects like removing outdated cabinet knobs and replacing them with new ones. Also consider storing toiletries in colourful, plas-

tic bins to give your space a splash of colour and replacing worn-out towels and bathmats to give the room a crisp, refreshed look.
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Bringing the outside in

▶ It may not look like spring, but you can at least make your home ready for the season

posed to be a cold and damp one. Luckily, there's a huge trend in bringing outdoor decor inside, and now more than ever is the perfect time to inject

some springtime inside our homes.

From bright garden colours and the smell of flowers to rustic natural elements, let's get a head

start on spring by decorating with an outdoor theme with these easy ideas. If we can't enjoy the outdoors, let's bring it inside!



Add a wall of springtime colour

As I've been reporting since last fall, adding a focal wall of colour in a room is no longer an old-fashioned thing to do.

Choose a wall that is the focal point to the room. For instance, the headboard wall in the bedroom, the TV wall in the family room or the fireplace wall in the living room are all good candidates. If using paint, then add a darker or dramatic colour to help add drama to a room. Dark green, mustard or orange are all colours from outside and will bring a strong sense of nature inside.

If using wallpaper, choose a large-patterned floral motif for an eye-popping surprise. Wallpapers are now much easier to remove than they used to be, so don't be afraid to get daring with pattern. When you tire of it just simply peel off and repaint the wall.



Incorporate worn-looking furnishings into the home

Bleached, limed and driftwood tones are all the rage. They can help lighten the dark brown tones that we've been decorating with over the past years.

A statement piece, such as a single dresser, a hallway bench or an end table, will work best in this finish. Choosing it for an entire dining set or living room case would be overkill for a trend that is only expected to hang around for three to four years.

Got an old, cheap mahogany antique that you're tired of?

Sand it then rub some grey latex paint into the exposed wood grains. Buff it with wax and you'll have the trendiest look of the season for furniture.



Shine some light with rustic flair

Most people overlook outdoor pendant and wall lights as options for inside the home.

An exterior light can often add a more rustic or masculine option when decorating. And outdoor lighting is quite often priced less than indoor lighting. Look for copper, zinc and natural metal finishes to help bring the outside in for spring. You can often find old outdoor lighting for sale at spring yard sales and flea markets.

Keep in mind most of it will need to be re-wired for safety and sometimes re-plated depending on the finish.



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► This chicken curry uses fruit to reduce heat & add a hint of sweetness

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Fruit is frequently used to help reduce heat in many curries. Serve this Tropical Chicken Curry over basmati rice.

Preparation:

1 In skillet heat oil over medium high heat. Add chicken and sprinkle with salt and pepper; cook, stirring for 5 minutes. Remove to plate. Add onion, red pepper and garlic to skillet and cook, stirring for 3 minutes or until softened. Add curry paste and cook, stirring for 1 minute. Add stock and bay leaf and bring to boil.

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) vegetable oil
- 12 oz (375 g) boneless skinless chicken breasts, chopped

- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) pepper
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) mild curry paste or powder

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) chicken stock
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 firm ripe mini bananas
- 1 cup (250 mL) chopped fresh or canned pineapple
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) cornstarch

2 Meanwhile, peel and chop bananas into 1 inch (2.5 cm) chunks and add to skillet with chicken and simmer for about 5 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink inside. Add pineapple and stir to combine.

3 In small bowl, whisk together cornstarch and 1 tbsp (15 mL) of water. Add to skillet and stir to combine. Simmer 1 minute or until slightly thickened.

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► This Tropical Chicken Curry recipe makes four servings.

Bacon, Chard & Fontina Quiche



Ingredients:

- 1 refrigerated pie crust
- 4 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 bunch Swiss chard, tough stems removed, chopped
- 6 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) 10% half and half cream
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) thyme
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) shredded fontina cheese

Preparation:

1 Line deep-dish pie plate with pie crust, crimping or trimming the edge. Place pan on baking sheet; set aside.

2 In skillet over medium-high heat, cook bacon

until crispy. Add Swiss chard and cook until the chard is tender. Let cool for 10 minutes. Drain well pushing excess liquid from chard; place in bowl. Stir in cheese and place in pie crust.

3 In bowl, whisk eggs, cream, thyme, pepper and salt. Slowly pour into crust and gently stir to eliminate large clumps or air bubbles. Bake in 400 F (200 C) oven for 20 minutes.

4 Reduce heat to 325 F (160 C) and bake for 40 minutes or until centre is set and knife inserted comes out clean. Let cool before slicing.

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Mooseheads ready to start

- ▶ 'We're not afraid of them,' Herd's Souigny says of favoured Juniors
- ▶ Game 1 of first-round best-of-seven goes tonight in Montreal at 8:05 p.m.



▶ Mooseheads forward Gerrard Grant bangs away at a puck in front of Juniors goalie Jean-Francois Berube in a game last season.



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If the Halifax Mooseheads are intimidated by the Montreal Juniors, they're certainly not showing it.

As 57-point underdogs in the QMJHL first round, the Mooseheads are showing a healthy amount of confidence heading into a best-of-seven series nobody expects them to win.

"We're confident we can compete with these guys," said Mooseheads defenceman Trey Lewis. "We're going to go out there and we're going to prove to them we're capable of pulling off an upset."

The Mooseheads are encouraged by the fact the Juniors don't have any prolific point producers on their roster, with winger Trevor Parkes leading the way at 62 points, 34th overall in the Q scoring race and just eight points ahead of Mooseheads leading scorer Carl Gelinas.

"They're a deep team, but their top-line guys aren't like Saint John's or Quebec's, where you've got 100-point getters on



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185 (3rd)
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222-227, 80.1% (7th)
34.1 per game (2nd)
26.3 per game (4th)
940 (12th)
18.62
6-0 1/2
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the first line," said Mooseheads captain Travis Randall. "They're great players, but they haven't got that scary threat points-wise. They're deep, but we match up with them and can match their intensity."

Juniors head coach Pascal Vincent said it's not that his team doesn't have game-breaking talent, it's just that his "guys (are asked) to be very reliable

without the puck."

"We can play any type of game: An offensive type, a defensive type, a physical game," Vincent said. "I think we've built a playoff type of team."

The Mooseheads were swept 3-0 in the season series, but almost knocked off the Juniors in their most recent meeting on Feb. 9 at Verdun Auditorium. The Mooseheads led 1-0 after 40 minutes but

allowed two third-period goals in a 2-1 loss.

"We were ahead all game and a couple of mistakes led to the loss, but I'm pretty sure we can play with those guys," said rookie winger Alex Souigny. "We're not afraid of them."

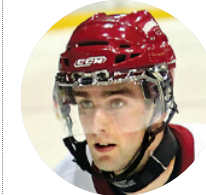
The Juniors, however, have no problem battling to the final buzzer for their victories.

"We excel when the game is tight," Vincent said. "So many times after the second period when we're tied or down by a goal, we found a way to win. We're very good at that."

With pretty much everyone writing them off, the Mooseheads have no shortage of motivation and certainly won't get caught looking past a team that is ranked fourth in the Canadian Hockey League.

"All year long it seems we've gotten up for big games against big opponents," Randall said. "We've played our better hockey against better opponents, so hopefully that will be the case in the playoffs as well."

PLAYERS TO WATCH



Louis Leblanc, C
Montreal

▶ Starred for Canada at the world junior championship and is considered the Montreal Canadiens' top prospect.



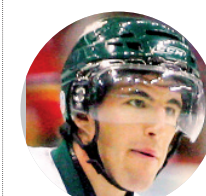
Martin Frk, RW
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▶ The Moosehead's most talented player is heating up at the right time, with six goals in his final six games.



Viktor Hertzberg, RW
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▶ Speedster has torched the Herd during his Q career, with seven goals and 20 points in just 12 games.



Charles Bety, C
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▶ The veteran is known for his hot streaks and will also play a key shutdown and penalty-killing role.



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Grudge match

► Habs 'jacked up' for first tilt with Bruins since Chara knocked out Pacioretty ► Best revenge would be beating division rival, player says

Zdeno Chara sat calmly at his locker, concerned more about beating the Montreal Canadiens in the tight division race than getting beat up by them.

Tonight's rematch comes 16 days after Max Pacioretty suffered a severe concussion and a fractured vertebra after a hard check by the Boston Bruins captain knocked him into a padded stanchion supporting a glass partition between the teams' benches.

Might the Canadiens seek retribution on the ice?

"I don't know," Chara said after practice yesterday. "We'll see."

Montreal's Ryan White thinks his team has more important business to handle. Boston leads the Northeast Division with 90 points with 10 games

left. Montreal is second with 87 and eight games remaining. There's a decent chance they'll meet in the first round of the playoffs.

"We need two points," White said. "We're not going to go in there and try and do anything stupid and get him back or anything like that. If you ask (Pacioretty), I think the biggest thing right now is for us to win. We've given ourselves an opportunity to catch these guys."

Chara is focusing on stopping a team that is 4-1 against Boston this season.

"We all know it's a big game for both teams," he said.

The game in which Pacioretty was hurt, won by Montreal 4-1, cranked up the historic rivalry between the teams.

Montreal police began

"It's part of the game to be emotional and play with a lot of energy and jump, but you just have to keep the emotions bottled up and not (let) the emotions take over the game."

ZDENO CHARA

an investigation of the hit. Canadiens owner Geoff Molson said his club didn't agree with the NHL's decision not to suspend Chara. Two days after the check, Pacioretty was released from a hospital, his agent said.

He'll be able to resume training with contact by early or mid-April, according to coach Jacques Mar-

tin. And there's a chance he'll be back during the playoffs after early fears that the injury might be more serious.

"I'm glad that he's doing much better," Chara said. "It's kind of surprising good news."

He said he made "a few attempts" to reach out to Pacioretty but hasn't received a response.

The six-foot-nine Chara said he had no intention to hurt the six-foot-two forward. He received a major penalty for interference and a game misconduct but has never been suspended.

Meanwhile, the investigation remains open, Montreal police spokesman Daniel Lacoursiere said yesterday.

"The file is still under investigation," he said.

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► Boston blue-liner Zdeno Chara

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Time without Crosby revealing for Pens

Once the Pittsburgh Penguins realized Sidney Crosby's concussion layoff would be an extended one, no doubt they began to worry about where they might finish in the Eastern Conference race.

With less than two weeks remaining in the season, and with a 42-23-8 record, how's this for a possibility: First place.

Their two-and-a-half months without hockey's best player have been troubling at times, controversial at others for the Penguins — and, too, unexpectedly revealing.

The 2009 Stanley Cup champions are learning they have a better team than even they might have expected not just without Crosby, but also without former NHL scoring champion Evgeni Malkin, who has been out since Feb. 4 with a right knee injury and won't

play again until next season.

The team could be very, very good should Crosby return at some point in the playoffs — perhaps even the Stanley Cup prime contender the Penguins figured to be before Crosby sustained a concussion on Jan. 5.

Taking away Crosby and Malkin from the Penguins might be the modern-day equivalent of the 1980s Edmonton Oilers losing Wayne Gretzky and Jari Kurri at the same time yet, somehow, Pittsburgh goes into tonight's key conference matchup in Philadelphia only five points behind the first-place Flyers.

What the Penguins have done is play the kind of game they've never been known for playing — not since Crosby arrived in 2005, not since Mario Lemieux debuted in 1984, perhaps not since the franchise was founded in 1967.

They are only 24th in goals per game (2.34) since Crosby absorbed two hard hits in successive games Jan. 1-5. Yet they are 16-11-4 since then — not exactly the kind of record that wins a Presidents' Trophy, but one that likely is better than almost anyone around the league anticipated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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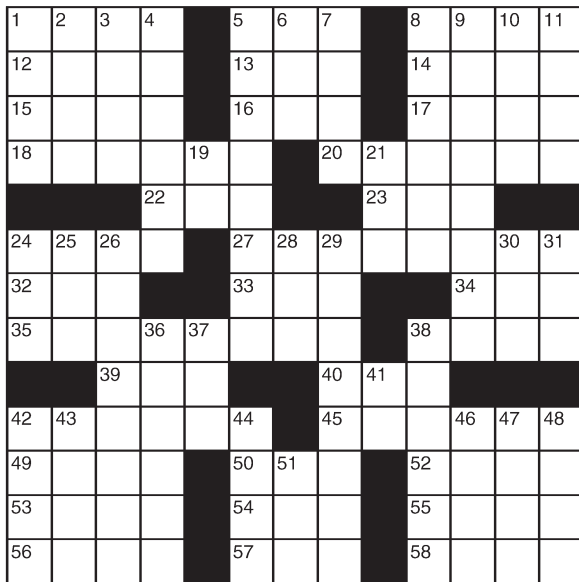
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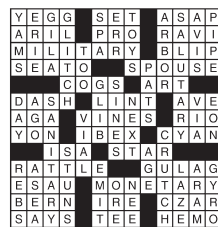
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1 Odds' mates
2 Lummo
3 "Cheers" order
4 Lets

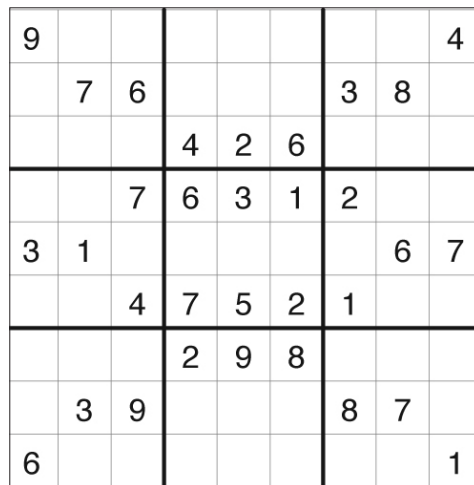


5 Bedsread
6 Pi follower
7 Loud, mournful cry
8 Far point in an orbit
9 Head of state?
10 Verve
11 Auctioneer's call
19 Richmond's st.
21 Computer key
24 Biz deg.
25 Rowing need
26 Book before Ecclesiastes
28 "Entourage" role
29 Gets better
30 Ram's mate
31 Roulette bet
36 Cheesy cream sauce
37 Matterhorn, for one
38 "Big" name in World War I
41 "Forget it!"
42 Read bar codes
43 Vagrant
44 From the top
46 Think, old-style
47 Ireland
48 Yuletide
51 Historic time

Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

1	6	3	4	5	2	7	9	8
4	7	2	9	8	3	6	1	5
5	9	8	1	7	6	3	4	2
8	3	9	2	6	7	1	5	4
6	5	1	8	4	9	2	7	3
2	4	7	3	1	5	8	6	9
9	8	4	7	3	1	5	2	6
3	1	6	5	2	4	9	8	7
7	2	5	6	9	8	4	3	1

Send a KISS

Show some love! Send a note to somebody special at kiss@metronews.ca

ECS, you've been my best friend for more than three years now, so it's about time I asked: Do you want to go out with me? MJS

Happy 27th Birthday, Mike! Your 'special' year is over, but this year will be even better! I can't wait to do all of our special things together. I hope u have an amazing birthday! LOVE, ASHLEY

TM, you have made me the happiest girl. These past couple of months have been amazing, and I have you to thank for it. I have fallen for you. LOVE RASH XO

Peter, it has been a whole year since our break up, and I guess it took both of us this time to see that we had something special. I am really happy for us to start over again, this time to make it last forever. with all of my love TAMMY XOXO

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 It's not like you to worry about things over which you have no control, so why start now? Whatever the reason you, must get over it because the Sun in your sign promises wonderful opportunities.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You seem torn between doubling your efforts to reach your goal and giving up on it. But why should it be one or the other? Look for the middle way.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Focus on positive things and happy thoughts and make sure you avoid people whose negative attitudes might bring you down. If they want to be miserable that's up to them, but you don't have to live with it.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Something is about to come back into your life that you thought you had seen the last of, but it's no big deal. In a way it's good because this time you know how best to deal with it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Today's somewhat difficult Saturn-Nep- tune contact means you need to take a more even-handed approach to partnership matters. You should know that success depends on co-operation.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 What happens today will remind you that sometimes the old way of doing things is best. Fortunately, you have never been one to follow the latest "big thing" so you won't find it too hard to stick with tradition.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Try not to take too negative a view of other people's motives today, otherwise you might miss out on something that is both enjoyable and profitable.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may be tempted to say something negative to a loved one, but is it really necessary? Even if your words are true, think of how her or she might take the situation and make it worse than it needs to be.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 The Sun and Jupiter, your ruling planet, in your fellow Fire sign of Aries will bring the inspiration you have been looking for, so don't try too hard. Give your mind and your body a rest today.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Don't worry if the words you are searching for remain just out of reach today. You may be feeling a bit tongue-tied at the moment, but it won't last.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 To get the most out of the day, you must limit yourself to those aims that are truly important. If you spread your energy too thin, you will only accomplish a fraction of what could have been done.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 The more others criticize what you are doing, the more determined you will be to carry on. Anyone who thinks you will change your ways just because he or she says you should has a lot to learn. SALLY BROMPTON

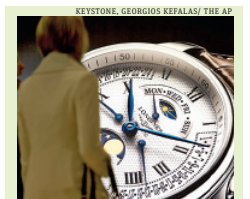
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"Daddy, why does this huge mouth remind me of mommy?"
LUCAS

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